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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 12, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our Redeemer, we approach You humbly asking that You sanctify this day and the proceedings that are about to unfold. But we dare not ask Your favor until we receive Your forgiveness. We confess our complicity in the animosity and betrayal felt throughout our Nation. We pray Your forgiveness for the pride and selfish ambition lurking in the hearts of even the best of people. Have mercy on those who suffer the injustices we have unknowingly or knowingly perpetuated that have divided our country.

Don't give us up to these vain inclinations, but save us from ourselves. Preserve each of us, those who speak and those who hear, from being caught up in the hatred and vitriol ever present in these contentious deliberations.

Then give us the favor of Your presence among us, that our eyes will be open to the light of Your truth. In the transforming of our minds, may we discern Your will in these decisions of great import and national impact.

We pray these things in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 35

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Deutch, Chair.  
COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. McGovern, Chair; Mr. Hastings; Mrs. Torres of California; Mr. Perlmuter; Mr. Raskin; Ms. Scanlon; Mr. Morelle; Mr. DeSaulnier; and Ms. Ross.

The resolution was agreed to.  
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I

offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 36

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mrs. Walorski.  
COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. Cole, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. Reschenthaler.

The resolution was agreed to.  
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1801

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

### SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mrs. Salazar of Florida and Mr. Valadao of California appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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